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Serial Nos. Two

Part B for July 4

SUBJECT

Power to A.C.S' to write off Shortages of foodgrains.

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} To. The D.P.S in Mysore

S.D. 53/A 229-44-2 dt 4.7.45

——Turns down the proposal.

Rep. Shivanna Rao
10.7.45

Re:- Power of write off of shortages to D.C's of districts etc.

Letter no H.1. PR. 389/ C.4399/44-
dated the 17th March 1945 from the Director of Food [redacted] recommending that the power to write off shortages not exceeding 2 seers per palla during the Harvest season may be delegated to the Chief Rationing Officer, Mysore city and all Deputy Commissioners of districts.

1) Reference is invited to item no 6 of the Special powers granted to the Director of Food Supplies in ~~the matter~~ regard ~~to shortages~~ of food grains etc. ~~of food operations hitherto made as under:-~~

Flag N
(C.O. No 7184-86 A 176-43-4 dt 21/25-4-44)

To pass all reasonable shortages in Consignments due to measurements, transport, drage, handling etc; not exceeding two seers per palla ordinarily and five seers per palla during the harvest season. Shortage exceeding these limits should be reported to Government for orders."

2) The Chief Rationing Officer, Mysore city, has in his letter dt 25.1.45 to the D.F.S. cited the above C.O. dated 21/25-4-44 and has requested that he may be authorised to pass all reasonable shortages in Consignments due to measurements etc. not exceeding two seers per palla during the

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Harvest Season. In support of this request he states that we also have permission is necessary in order to settle the affairs of the Dept staff expeditiously with regards to the release of Security.

3) The D.T.S. has recommended that the power to write off shortages not exceeding two seers per palla during the Harvest Season under item 6 of the "Special powers" conferred on him by the G.O. dated 21/25-4-1944, may be delegated to the Chief Retaining Officer, Mysore city and all Deputy Commissioners of Districts "as they are high officers and may be entrusted with this responsibility." This proposal is for orders. "x"

4) The Controller may be consulted. Thos.

"x" The opinion of the Auditor and Secretary Food Dept re: the power to write off shortages in Flag O (item (h) in the file 4076-43-(6)) is for perusal.

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Memo

1) Forwarded with compliments to the Controller, for favour of opinion.

MS Saravanabavan

10. 4. 1945

For Secy to Govt Development Dept

CIVIL SUPPLIES ACCOUNTS & SUBSIDY OFFICE 12.4.45

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763/Spl.

No. S.D 6486/Accts.

964/Spr. d. 27-4-45

Reference:-- U.O.File No.763 dated 12-4-45 regarding the delegation of power to the Deputy Commissioners regarding writing off shortages in Foodgrains vide para 6 of Government Order SD.7184-86/A. 176-43-4 dated 25-4-1945.

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8) Returned with compliments:--

The power of writing off the value of reasonable shortage due to measurement, transport, driage and handling etc., not exceeding two seers per palla ordinarily and five seers per palla during harvest season, delegated to the Director of Food Supplies, fixes the upper limit and up to which he can write off if he considers the shortage reasonable. It does not indicate that this upper limit may be applied as a general rule in all cases. Foodgrains may have to be transferred ~~to~~ from Depot to Depot, District to District and if ~~even~~ each depot or district were to adhere to this upper limit as a concession the consequential loss to Government will be very heavy. Besides upper limit of 5 seers per palla fixed for the harvest season can apply only to paddy but not to other grains. It is with this view the power of writing off referred to above has been centralised and each case is examined in detail on its merits in consultation with audit and final orders are passed by the Director. Delegation of such power to Deputy Commissioners may give rise to a belief that shortages to that extent will give large scope to show shortages are permissible and up to the limit allowed and even in cases where such concessions need not be allowed. There is also the danger that in respect of the grain writes off may be sanctioned at various stages. The scope of the Central office auditing the shortages will be less. Further as the scheme of handing over grains to Millowners and wholesale dealers has largely come into force and these are responsible to see that there are no shortages there is also not so much need for the Deputy Commissioner to exercise the powers of write off of shortages. As this matter involves also a scope for heavy loss to Government and for the reasons referred to above, I am not in favour of the proposals.

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Comptroller.

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5 6) Powers to write off shortages in Taluks & Districts

c) The opinion of the Comptroller may perhaps be accepted. Subs.

Refer Paras 3–6.

Key 10) The remarks of the D.F.S. may 28/4. be obtained with reference to the Comptroller's observations.

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The D.F.'s may be informed on the lines of this

Comptroller's note.

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Dev. Secy) 12) Gen. his remarks on the Comptr's notes & observations

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Memo

13) Forwarded unofficially with Compliments to the Director Food Supplies, for favour of remarks

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Mr Viswanathan

Fin Secy to Govt

Key Development Dept (Food Supplies)

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No.Hl.575/44 Bangalore, Dated, 21st May 1945.

14) Returned with compliments.

2. The delegation of power to write off shortages not exceeding two seers per palla during the harvest season was proposed in order to secure early action.

3. The Comptroller states that this delegation may be

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be construed by the local officers as enabling them to write off 2 per cent in all cases. This fear is perhaps not justified as the delegation is for sanctioning up to 2 per cent and during the harvest season.

3. Shrinkages and driages are admitted facts and it is not fair to hold the local officers responsible for such shortages due to natural causes.

4. In actual operation it is found that it is generally agreed to by the Central Office in consultation with audit.

5. The authorities proposed to be vested with this power are fairly of high standing and may be trusted to exercise their discretion properly. It may also be stated that it is always open to the audit and other sections of the Central office to keep a watch and prevent abuses.

6. In the interests of speedy relief in deserving cases, I am of the opinion that it is desirable to delegate the powers as recommended. Some safeguards will be provided by calling for monthly statements of the writeoffs.

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tgs. 2) DIRECTOR OF FOOD SUPPLIES.

24/5/45

15) Subd for orders of paragraphs 8 and 10

24/5 (Dep. Secy.) 16) 25/5/45.

17) I think the proposal of the D.F.S. may be approved.

Min. Food to Fin. 8/6

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For the very convincing reasons given by the comptroller I regret I cannot agree with the D. F. S. I agree with the comptroller on Principle also the power to write off should be exercised by some one who is not directly or indirectly responsible for the shortages. As in all our cases the District is the unit normally it is the DC whom we look up to for arrangements for minimising shortages & the power to write off should therefore vest with the D Fs

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D/F in reply to D.F.S.'s draft

letter —

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To me. D. F. S.

SD. 53/A229-64-2 & 24.7.45.

informs him that the proposal does not commend itself to Govt.

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SECRETARIAT

H.I.P.R.389/C.4399/44-5 Office of the Director of Food Supplie
Bangalore, 17th March 1945

21 MAR 1945
No 5368/II

(GOVT OF 20 MAR 1945)

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28/3/45

To The Secretary to Government,
Development Department (Food Supplies)
Bangalore.

Sir,

Sub: Delegation of powers.

In enclosing herewith a copy of letter No. R.1-258/44 dated 25th January 1945, on the above from the Chief Rationing Officer, Mysore City, I have the honour to recommend that powers to write off shortages not exceeding two seers per palla during the Harvest season under clause 6 of the "Special powers" conferred on the undersigned by G.O. No. S.D. 7184-86/A.176-43-4 dated 25th April 1944, may be delegated to the Chief Rationing Officer, Mysore City and all Deputy Commissioners of Districts as they are high officers and may be entrusted with the responsibility.

An early reply is requested.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

for Director of Food Supplies.
(Absent from Head Quarters)

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Copy of letter No. R.1-256/44 dated 25-1-45 from the Chief Rationing Officer, Mysore City.

DELEGATION OF POWERS.

Adverting to your memo no. Cl. 2635/43 dated 10th

10th May 1944 forwarding copy of the Government Order No. SD. 7104-66/A. 176-45-4 dated 25th April 1944 permitting you to exercise certain powers, I have the honour to request you that serial number 6 under "Special Powers" regarding the allowance of all reasonable shortages in consignments due to measurements, etc., not exceeding two seers per lakh during the Harvest season, may be authorised to be exercised by me as it is seen from the audit notes that such shortages are being observed. The permission is necessary in order to settle the affairs of the depot staff expeditiously with regard to the release of security.

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for Director of Food Supplies.

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Delegation of power to D.C's of districts re: write off of shortages of foodgrains — Harvest acquisition Scheme

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Serial No. 2

No. Sd 53

To.

The D.T.S.

Sir,

With reference to Correspondence ending with your unofficial note No. H1-5737/44 dated the 21st May 1945 recommending that the Special power to write off shortages not exceeding two seers per palla ~~during the harvest season~~ conferred on you by C.O. No. Sd. 7184-86/A 176-43-4 dt 21/25.4.1944 may be

delegates to the Chief Training officer, Mysore city and ~~three~~ Deputy Commissioners of districts. I am directed to state that the proposal does not commend itself to Government.

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honour to be

Your obedt

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Appeal 53 /A.229-44-2. 3rd July, 5.

SUBJECT.

Development Deptt.(Food Supplies).

The Director of Food Supplies in Mysore,
Bangalore.

Sir,

Subject:- Delegation of power to Deputy Commissioners of districts re: write off of shortages of food-grains - Harvest acquisition scheme.

With reference to correspondence ending with your unofficial note No.H.1-575/44 dated the 21st May, 1945, recommending that the special power to write off shortages not exceeding two seers per palla conferred on you by G.O.No.SD. 184-86/A.176-43-4 dated 21/25-4-1944, may be delegated to the Chief Rationing Officer, Mysore City and the Deputy Commissioners of districts, I am directed to state that the proposal does not commend itself to Government.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Secretary to Government,
Development Dept.(Fd.Supplies).

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